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BYSIEWICZ DRAWS ORDER FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

BARACK OBAMA AND RUDY GIULIANI DRAW TOP LINES IN
LARGEST TOTAL FIELD OF CANDIDATES EVER TO APPEAR ON
CONNECTICUT PRIMARY BALLOT

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz held a public drawing and news conference at the State Capitol on Wednesday January 2nd to determine the order candidates will appear on the ballots in Connecticut's presidential primaries on February 5th.

By law, "uncommitted" must appear as an option at the bottom of each party's respective ballots. Ballot order for the Republican primary will be:

1. Rudolph Giuliani
2. Fred Thompson
3. Mitt Romney
4. John McCain
5. Duncan Hunter
6. Ron Paul
7. Mike Huckabee

8. Alan Keyes
9. Uncommitted

Ballot order for the Democratic primary will be:

1. Barack Obama
2. Dennis Kucinich
3. Mike Gravel
4. Bill Richardson
5. John Edwards
6. Chris Dodd
7. Joe Biden
8. Hillary Clinton
9. Uncommitted

In November, Secretary Bysiewicz, in accordance with state statute, announced 17 candidates who were seeking their party's Presidential nomination. Candidates who are generally and seriously advocated or recognized according to reports in the national or state news media were to be placed on the two ballots. Republican Congressman Tom Tancredo of Colorado has since withdrawn from the Presidential race. Tancredo's official withdrawal was received by the Office of the Secretary of the State on December 27th - the final day to be removed from Connecticut's ballot. No additional candidate submitted petitions by the December 21st deadline to access the ballot. Petitions had to be signed by at least 1% of the enrolled members of the party in the state to qualify.

"Connecticut's voters will play a direct role in selecting their party's nominee when they head to the polls on February 5th," said Bysiewicz. "With more than 40% of the country casting ballots and caucusing on Super Duper Tuesday, I encourage unregistered residents to register and unaffiliated voters to select a party now to make your voice heard."

On February 5th, primaries and caucuses will be held in: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia.

2008 will be the 8th presidential election cycle since Connecticut's Presidential primary law was passed by the General Assembly in 1977 that replaced local party primaries with a statewide primary. Voter turnout for

the 2004 Democratic presidential primary totaled 20.8%. In 2000 voter turnout for the Republican presidential primary was 40.8%.

Previous winners of Connecticut presidential preference primaries and the eventual party nominees are as follows:

Year	Previous CT Winners	Eventual Party Nominees
1980	(Rep) George Bush (Dem) Ted Kennedy	Ronald Reagan Jimmy Carter
1984	<i>No Republican Primary</i> (Dem) Gary Hart	Ronald Reagan Walter Mondale
1988	(Rep) George Bush (Dem) Michael Dukakis	George Bush Michael Dukakis
1992	(Rep) George Bush (Dem) Jerry Brown	George Bush Bill Clinton
1996	(Rep) Bob Dole <i>No Democratic Primary</i>	Bob Dole Bill Clinton
2000	(Rep) John McCain (Dem) Al Gore	George W. Bush Al Gore
2004	<i>No Republican Primary</i> (Dem) John Kerry	George W. Bush John Kerry

Of note: The Presidential primary does not directly select actual delegates to the national party conventions. Rather, it determines the number of delegate positions allocated to each Presidential candidate, statewide and/or by Congressional District as the case may be. This apportionment of delegate seats "won" is done according to the applicable "proportional representation" formula, if any, prescribed by national party rules; or on a "winner takes all" basis if so authorized by such rules; or by the formula specified in the state law if the party rules provide neither a formula nor a winner-takes-all requirement.

The Secretary of the State tabulates the primary returns, calculates the allocation of delegate positions to candidates, and certifies the results to the national and state parties and to the candidates. The procedure for actual selection of the delegates is governed by the rules of each party---provided that the party must select and certify the correct number of delegates committed to each candidate as so determined.

Important dates prior to the primaries:

- Thursday, January 31, 2008 is the mail-in deadline for new voters, and for unaffiliated voters, to *enroll in a party* for voting in its primary. For *new* voters, mail-in applications must be *postmarked*, or received by Registrar of Voters or voter registration agency, by this date. For *unaffiliated* voters, the mail-in application must be received (not merely postmarked) by the Registrar of Voters by this deadline.
- Monday, February 4, at noon is the in-person deadline for new and unaffiliated voters to register with a party for voting in the primary.

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